



Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – October 12, 2025

Trans in the Time of Fire: Truth, Joy, and the Sacred Art of Not Shrinking

Jes Martinez-Hunt

“What does it mean to live your truth in a world that tells you to shrink? In this powerful and deeply personal message, Jes Martinez-Hunt (they/them/none) shares their journey of gender discovery, parenting a trans child, and finding sacred joy in the midst of political fire. Through tenderness, humor, and Unitarian Universalist theology, Jes invites us to explore the holy work of becoming, especially when it’s inconvenient, messy, or brave. In a time of increasing attacks on trans lives, this sermon offers a fierce reminder: we are not the ashes. We are the flame.”

Our Vision: An inclusive religious community, a beacon for reason, meaning and bold social action.

Our Mission: To celebrate dignity and respect for all, nurture lifelong spiritual growth, act for justice and equality, and serve the wider community.

Pre-Service Music

Welcome

Margie Manning, Worship Associate

Tingsha

Prelude

“I Am Light”

Dr. Susan Robinson and the UUC Choir

Call to Worship

Written by Rev. Mykel Slack and
Alex Kapitan, Transforming Hearts Collective
Delivered by Margie Manning

Hymn #1035

“Freedom”

Chalice Lighting

Written by Rev. Jami Yandle
Delivered by Margie Manning

We light this chalice
To ignite the divine spark of the universe
Whose pronouns have always been plural
A co-creation of brilliance and diversity
A tapestry of souls, perfected.

Story for All Ages

Lori Thorn

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Singing the children to the classroom Hymn #414

“As You Leave This Friendly Place”

Joys and Concerns

Margie Manning

Sermon

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Offering

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Offertory Music

Hymn: #1057

“Go Lifted Up”

X2

Extinguishing the Chalice

“Go in peace, go making peace, live gently, love mightily and bow to the mystery”

Postlude

Our Grateful Thanks:

Worship Associate: Margie Manning; **Service Technical Support:** Colin Brink, Phil Brown, Jeremy Dillow, Rich Cann, David Feick; **Zoom Host:** Lore Eargle; **UUC Choir:** Barbara Bedingfield, Matt Bouchie, Rich Cann, Linda Carroll, Jeannine Coyne, Gretchen Craig, Anne DiNatale, Jocelyn Ganoza, Pan Godchaux, Sue Hand, Ed Kraemer, Francine Lancaster, Chris Parlman, Bruce Peller, Donna Polhamus, Susie Safford; **Guest Musicians:** None this week; **Slides and Video:** Margie Manning and Jeremy Dillow; **Ushers:** TBD; **Visuals:** Ana “Soledad” Vaquer; **Staff:** Anne Gilbert, Campus Administrator; Rev. Amy Kindred, Developmental Minister; Chuck Miller, Pianist; Dr. Susan Robinson, Choral Conductor, Zoraida Santana, Custodian; Gary Strauss, Security Guard; Lori Thorn, Lifelong Learning; Barb Tobin, Lifelong Learning; Eric Williamson, Handyperson; Dale Zwick, Bookkeeper; **Pastoral Associates:** Bill Foley, Pan Godchaux, Kathy Krohn, Aryna Ryan



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Hymn #414 "As You Leave This Friendly Place"

As you leave this friendly place,
love give light to ev'ry face;
may the kindness which you learn
light your hearts till you return.

Hymn #1035 "Freedom"

Oh freedom, oh freedom,
oh freedom, freedom is coming!

Oh yes I know, oh yes I know,
oh yes I know, freedom is coming!

Oh freedom, oh freedom,
oh freedom, freedom is coming!

Hymn #1057 "Go Lifted Up" x2

Go lifted up,
Love bless your way,
moonlight, starlight
guide your journey
into peace
and the brightness of day.